

raised, amounting to \$25, and the balance of the debt was assumed by the building committee, Mr. S. P. Fogle of this place being a member of it.

The church is a nice frame building, 28x40 feet. The lot and the frame timber in the woods, for the church, were contributed by Mr. James Fogle, and others besides him in the neighborhood making liberal contributions. The church is worth from \$500 to \$600.—*Shenandoah Valley.*

Portis, Kans.

Harry Chester Bell was born June 23, '93, died Dec. 13, 1898. Deceased was a bright little boy of 5 summers. He was beloved by all and known as one of those little friends who make life happy because of their agreeableness. In the death the parents have lost a darling son, and the community a dear little friend. May God give their strength in this time of trouble is our prayer. Sermon by the writer.

G. J. WOLTERS.

Lake Odessa, Mich.

I am busy engaged in protracted effort at Sunfield, Mich., had three meetings and the Lord is blessing our work. Four already have consented to go with us. We have no class here yet but we will soon have, I think. Pray for us.

J. G. WINEY.

Revival Closed

Our revival closed at North Liberty on Wednesday evening, December 29th, with twenty-two additions. Fourteen were baptized, three came by relation, one was reclaimed, three are yet to be baptized and one more is coming by relation at our next service.

With the Methodists holding a revival at the same time, in this little town, we feel that our meeting was a success. But to God be all the praise.

J. L. KIMMEL.

Buckeye City, Ohio.

Johnstown, Pa.

Several things have taken place here since I last wrote. One being a hard fall by which my hip was injured so that the last two weeks have been spent in bed or on crutches. While this somewhat hindered the development of plans laid for the holiday week, yet we have several good things to report.

On the 18th, another was baptized and received into full fellowship, and on the same evening one more made a good confession, and brother Will Crofford was ordained to the full ministry by the laying on of hands of the presbytery. We hope for much from the brother's ministry, as the step was taken with a full understanding of the sacrifice involved from a worldly standpoint, Brother Crofford holding an excellent position in the mills.

Our Christmas day opened with a blessed prayer meeting, at 8:30 a. m., of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School; fol-

lowed by gleaning services in the school when four confessed Christ, while others were deeply convicted.

Then the morning and evening services, at both of which brother Alvin Byers preached, were Christmas feasts and at the evening service two more confessed Christ. Then to crown all a praise meeting was held in the room below at the close of the evening service, where a large number gathered to praise God for such a blessed day, and for redemption through his Son.

Our Sunday School closed the year with an average yearly attendance of 130 and an average collection of \$3 40, but next year will be better.

The old officers headed by brother Albert Trent, as superintendent, were elected.

Our revival will not begin until late in January, but we will keep one up every service until then as there are many close to the kingdom.

Brother Byers was a "good Samaritan" and his work here was highly appreciated by all.

E. E. HASKINS.

Millford, Ind.

Our Christmas service was enjoyed by all. The children declaimed well and enjoyed their treat.

The juniors will conduct the services on next Sunday evening instead of the seniors. It is surprising how much they can do.

Our series of meetings will begin on the second Sunday of January. Many are anxious for the time to come.

MISS ADDIE GRISSE.

Ridgely, Md.

This is my first note to the EVANGELIST although I have been a member of the church since last spring. It was under the teaching of our dear Brother Bowman at Philadelphia, (and some of his members, the Cassels more especially) where I lived several years, that the doctrines of the Brethren church came more vividly and intelligently to my mind. I could not help seeing the form of baptism and its spiritual significance. This with the deep spirituality of Brother Bowman, his leading members and his Holy Ghost preaching. I concluded I had found the church of our fathers. While many church members of various other churches have much of the Holy Ghost with them and in them, yet for my part I prefer to be where I can have the Holy Ghost and its tangible significance also. I am glad to know that Luther, Wesley and others of their days advocated trine immersion, altho they did practice it extensively. Now such were as Stephen Merit, Arthur I. Pierson, A. B. Simpson, of Christian Alliance, and Alex. Dowie of divine healing fame, are among its firm believers. As this is the great prophetic age in which God is calling out and preparing His bride, we may look for such things as true Bible baptism, divine healing and heart purity. Heart purity or sanctification has made very rapid strides in the last

twenty-five years and divine healing in the last fifteen years. These have prospered in all churches according as their creed was inclined to give the spirit His way, and now the last of this great trinity of Bible truths, namely, trine immersion, is being echoed from the mountain of Zion, and we trust that ere the great Bridegroom shall appear, (which we believe will be soon) that the bride will rush in almost solid phalanx to the true baptismal waters. This last we expect to preach and teach on all proper occasions and whereas we once ridiculed this form, we are now willing to take the same from others.

But the clean heart stands far above every thing else. A church with every member possessing a clean heart would very soon be a church having pentecostal power. Just in proportion as the members of any church are clean before God (especially its officers) just in that proportion do they have harmony and success in winning souls. I obtained this greater salvation twenty-five years ago, and have been closely associated with professors and teachers, both great and small, and know there could be nothing more reasonable than that Jesus in destroying the works of the devil should destroy them in our hearts.

We took charge of the new Brethren church at Ridgely, Maryland, the first of November this year, which church is one of several churches I. D. Bowman has gathered up and built in the last few years in addition to his pastoral duties at Philadelphia. We labored with him in revival work here just preceding our taking charge at which time several were added to the church. We hope to have another effort before spring. We have baptized two since taking charge and have more to baptize next week, and expect to establish preaching where they live several miles out. I must say I am pleased with the work and from the spirit creeping out in the meeting I can report success. Others are coming to our meetings.

Our Bible school which follows the prayer meeting for an hour every week is an interesting feature and very helpful in learning the Bible as a book.

Our Christmas services were well attended and profitable. Wishing you a happy New Year, we close promising frequent reports.

T. C. BARNUM.

Claypool, Ind.

Since last report from Claypool a series of meetings has been held. The immediate results were seven received into the church, six by baptism and one by relation. The church in general was much strengthened, and others seemed almost persuaded. While God through the Holy Spirit was persuading souls to accept Christ, the adversary was not sleeping, but working in various ways. Especially did he, by the use of the intoxicating cup, so enrage a father (as his daughter left him in the beggary elements of the world,) that he burned a Bible and a song book. You say, how terrible! What is more terrible? You, a sober-minded man and a professed follower of Christ voting to license